

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Economic Affairs
Minutes
February 21, 2018

The Standing Committee on Economic Affairs met to receive a presentation on the Cape Cod Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and its proposed budget contained within the Cape Cod Commission proposed budget for FY19. The committee met on February 21, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Chairman Edward McManus, John Ohman, and Mary Chaffee.

Also present, in the audience, and responding to committee inquiries: Cape Cod Commission Acting Executive Director Kristy Senatori, Finance Officer Gail Coyne, and Chief Economic Development Officer Leslie Richardson.

Chair Edward McManus opened the committee meeting and proceeded as follows:

2:00 P.M. Summary: Cape Cod Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Present from the Cape Cod Commission: Acting Executive Director Kristy Senatori, Finance Officer Gail Coyne, and Chief Economic Development Officer Leslie Richardson.

Commission representatives delivered a handout and presentation to committee members titled "Economic Development".

Leslie Richardson reported that Cape Cod's economy is stable at this time and close to what it was prior to the last recession. The mission is to insure a balanced and sustainable economy but there are limitations within the Cape economy that must be addressed. Long term priorities were reviewed including an update of the 5-year CEDS plan scheduled for June 2019.

There have been many accomplishments effecting infrastructure, information access, zoning changes, and business expansions and investments. The CCC and CEDS are working and making progress on creating greater sustainability and diversity on the Cape.

As an example, the CCC works with anchoring institutions such as OpenCape and the Regional Wide Area Network that will help bring work to people versus people to work.

Housing was cited as one of the biggest challenges in trying to figure out how to accommodate and make affordable housing units for people who want to live and work year-round on Cape Cod while considering density, smart growth, and infrastructure including wastewater.

The Economic Development Council was reestablished within Barnstable County. A request of \$250,000 was made for FY19 and it is anticipated that funding will be made available through the county.

The CCC and CEDS works with other county department throughout the year to help accomplish its mission.

Motion made by John Ohman, and seconded by Mary Chaffee, to recommend the line item of the Cape Cod Commission CEDS FY19 proposed budget of \$250,000 to the Finance Committee. 3-0-0.

Committee members expressed interest in receiving an update and presentation from OpenCape in the near future. Committee members will contemplate future agenda items and submit suggestions to the Clerk who will forward requests to the committee chairperson.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.
The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by:
Janice O’Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates

List of Meeting Materials:

- FY19 Proposed line item budgets for Cape Cod Commission (includes CEDS)
- Personnel schedules for Cape Cod Commission
- Cape Cod Commission CEDS presentation
- Proposed FY19 Budget Ordinance 18-01
- Standing Committee on Economic Affairs 2/21/18 meeting notice and agenda